Humorists Cited

AUSTRALIANS

Henry Lawson 1867-1922
- Lost his hearing at age 14, became an avid reader
- One of Australia’s most honored writers

Andrew Barton (Banjo) Paterson 1864-1941
- Grew up in bush country
- A solicitor, a journalist and avid horseman
- Works cited: “The Diggers,” “The Swagman’s Rest,” “Waltzing Matilda” Bulletin (Sidney newspaper) articles

George Edward Dyson 1865-1931.
- Grew up with old goldmines
- Developed elaborate system for recording incidents and jokes
- Works cited: “Tin Pot Mill”, “The Old Camp Oven”

AMERICANS

Francis Bret Harte 1836-1902
- Spent most of his adult life in California
- Worked as a miner, a teacher, a journalist and a diplomat
- Works cited: “The Luck of Roaring Camp” and “Outcasts of Poker Flat”

Ambrose Bierce 1842-1913
- Civil War veteran, fought at Battle of Shiloh
- Disappeared after joining revolutionary forces in Mexico, 1913

Charles Farrar Browne 1834 1867
- He created Artemus Ward, a traveling showman, and adopted this name.
- Lincoln’s favorite humorist
- Works cited: “High-handed Outrage at Utica”